

ELEANOR H. HORD.

FEBRUARY 4, 1904.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. LOUDENSLAGER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 1451.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1451) granting an increase of pension to Eleanor H. Hord, have considered the same and respectfully report as follows:

Said bill is accompanied by Senate Report No. 220, this session, and the same, fully setting forth the facts, is adopted by your committee as their report, and the bill is returned with a favorable recommendation.

[Senate Report No. 220, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session.]

This bill proposes to increase from \$30 to \$40 per month, the pension of Eleanor H. Hord, widow of William T. Hord, late medical director, United States Navy.

A statement of this officer's service, as it appears on the official records of the Navy Department, is as follows:

"Record of service of late Medical Director William T. Hord, U. S. Navy.

"Date of birth, March 3, 1831; commissioned an assistant surgeon (ranks next after masters), November 1, 1854; recommissioned, February 22, 1855; take passage in the *Congress* June 15 for duty in the *Saranac*, May 24, 1855; detached and leave three months, June 28, 1856; to the *Relief* August 20, August 14, 1856; detached and wait orders, March 3, 1857; to the *Supply*, March 18, 1857; detached and wait orders, August 17, 1857; to the Coast Survey steamer *Walker*, October 28, 1857; detached and wait orders, June 8, 1858; to the Naval Hospital, Norfolk, June 14, 1858; detached and wait orders, December 22, 1858; to examination, February 22, 1859; to the *Lancaster* May 2, April 9, 1859; passed examination (ranks next after lieutenants), May 23, 1859; commissioned a surgeon from August 1, 1861 (ranks with lieutenants), August 14, 1861; detached by commander in chief, November 11, 1861; to the receiving ship *Ohio*, June 4, 1862; detached and to the *Pawnee*, December 6, 1862; detached from the *Wabash* (sick), December 15, 1863; special duty recruiting, New York, June 15, 1864; to the naval station, Cairo, Ill., August 31, 1864; detached and wait orders, November 1, 1865; to the *Monongahela* 15th instant, November 8, 1865; detached and wait orders, December 18, 1867; to the navy-yard, Norfolk, October 12, 1868; relative rank of lieutenant-commander, March 3, 1871; detached and

wait orders, October 5, 1871; to the *Lancaster* and fleet surgeon, South Atlantic Station, per steamer, April 23, March 28, 1872; promoted to medical inspector, relative rank of commander, July 6, 1872; commissioned, February 28, 1873; detached 18th ultimo and sick leave, April 1, 1873; member medical examining board, September 3, 1874; detached and to the navy-yard, Boston, September 1, August 14, 1876; detached 31st instant, and to naval hospital, Chelsea, April 1, March 22, 1879; promoted to medical director, relative rank of captain, May 1, 1879; letter of promotion, June 6, 1879; commissioned, March 8, 1880; detached 25th instant, and member examining board, Washington, April 12, 1882; board dissolved, September 30, 1882; member medical examining board, October 31, 1882; to duty on board the *Hartford*, per steamer, 20th instant, October 16, 1883; returned, member medical examining board, November 17, 1883; member naval retiring board 9th instant, December 4, 1883; detached October 5, and to naval hospital, Philadelphia, August 28, 1886; detached October 7, and wait orders, September 21, 1889; member examining board, November 28, 1889; president examining board 22d instant, January 10, 1891; detached March 3, and placed on retired list (sec. 1444, Rev. Stat.), March 1, 1893; died at Washington, D. C., April 1, 1901."

Eleanor H. Hord is the lawful widow of the officer, having been married to him December 4, 1866. She is now receiving a general-law pension of \$30 per month, and aside from this has really no means of support. She has a son sorely afflicted, whose mental condition for several years has been hopeless, and who is now confined in an asylum for the insane. Doctor Hord was able to save but a small part of his salary, and secured a small income for his afflicted son by his wife's relinquishing all share in the money. She herself has really nothing but her pension, and appeals to Congress for relief; and your committee, mindful of the long-continued, honorable, and distinguished services rendered by her husband, and in line with numerous precedents, report the bill back favorably with a recommendation that it pass.